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Dear Wanda:

My name is Larry Bonderud and I am the mayor of Shelby. Our community was denied resort community status twice by the Montana Department of Commerce even with our current traffic counts of over two million out of town visitors moving through our community every year. I would sincerely appreciate your support of HB 685. This would permit the citizens of Shelby to vote on consideration of a local option tax as well as what items they would wish to consider including in this tax. Even in our small community this could provide a considerable amount of local property tax relief for our small businesses and households. We would appreciate begin the opportunity to ask the local voters if they wish to place the local option tax in effect. It has been very successful in other Montana communities and we are asking for the same opportunities that other Montana communities have.

Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,

Larry Bonderud, Mayor City of Shelby